

## Webinar: Florida's Unparalleled Infrastructure & Logistics

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Doug Wheeler serves as the President and CEO of the Florida Ports Council (FPC), a nonprofit corporation that serves as the professional association for Florida's 15 public deepwater seaports and their management. The FPC provides leadership, advocacy and information on seaport-related issues before the Legislative and Executive Branches of State and Federal Government.

Wheeler has more than 20 years of governmental affairs and association leadership at both the state and federal levels where he previously held positions with the Associated Builders and Contractors, and more recently, the Florida Chamber of Commerce where he served as Vice President of Grassroots Advocacy and Political Action Development. Under Wheeler's leadership and management of Florida's largest federation of businesses, associations, and local chambers of commerce – encompassing more than 139,000 grassroots members – the Chamber worked aggressively and effectively to represent the interests of business in Florida.

Wheeler was also previously with Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) for nearly six years serving as the Southeast Political Manager covering seven southeastern states. He worked closely with ABC chapters and members on all areas of political affairs at the federal level including candidate outreach, PAC fundraising, lobbying and grassroots efforts.

Before joining ABC he was with the Governmental Affairs firm of Watson, Daley and Gosnell, located in Tallahassee. He has also worked for the Florida House of Representatives during five Legislative Sessions and the Republican Party of Florida during the 1994 elections.

Wheeler graduated from The Florida State University with a degree in Political Science, with an emphasis in Political Communications. He currently lives in Tallahassee, Florida with his wife Ami and their two children.

